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Michigan Winter Wheat Production and Hay Stocks

Michigan winter wheat growers expect the statewide yield to be a new record high, according to Marlo Johnson, Director of the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. Michigan producers expect to harvest 560,000 acres, up 85,000 acres from last year. Wheat production in the State is expected to be 47.0 million bushels. The yield forecast of 84 bushels would be 3 bushels above last year's record high.

United States winter wheat production is forecast at 1.43 billion bushels, up 4 percent from 2015. As of May 1, the U.S. yield is forecast at 47.8 bushels per acre, up 5.3 bushels from last year. If realized, this will equal the record yield set in 1999.

Hay stocks on Michigan farms on May 1, 2016 were 440,000 tons, down 10 percent from this time last year.

All hay stored on United States farms as of May 1, 2016 totaled 25.1 million tons, up 3 percent from a year ago. Disappearance between December 1, 2015 and May 1, 2016 totaled 69.9 million tons, compared with 67.5 million tons for the same period a year earlier. May 1 hay stocks were up slightly from the previous year as mild winter conditions throughout most of the Nation did not extend supplemental feeding.

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production by Crop – Michigan and United States: 2014 - 2016

Commodity	Michigan			United States		
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016
Wheat, winter						
Planted1,000 acres	550	510	580	42,409	39,461	36,216
Harvested1,000 acres	470	475	560	32,299	32,257	29,831
Yield Bushels	74.0	81.0	84.0	42.6	42.5	47.8
Production 1,000 bu	34,780	38,475	47,040	1,377,216	1,370,188	1,427,084